

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 241 (George)

SB 241 would rename a portion of I-94 and a portion of U.S. 131 the Underground Memorial Railroad Highway.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 241 [RC 384: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

HB 4983 (TOBOCMAN)

HB 4983 would regulate those who provide services relating to immigration matters, provide exemptions to registration requirements, prohibit certain actions by a registrant, establish administrative and criminal sanctions for violations. This bill is necessary to help ensure that immigrants are not taken advantage of during the immigration paperwork process.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to HB 4983 [RC 385: 34 yes, 4 no].

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5859 (LIPSEY)

HB 5859 would specify that a chain of title must exist for a mortgage before the date of a foreclosure sale that results from a foreclosure by advertisement (but need not exist before the foreclosure by advertisement process is initiated). The aim of the bill is to clarify a current dispute over when a record chain of title showing the assignment of the mortgage to the foreclosing mortgagee needs to exist in the foreclosure by advertisement process. The bill would say that it needs to be in place prior to the foreclosure sale not prior to the initiation of the foreclosure process. The bill also would require that the person whose property was being foreclose on be given, as part of the notice of foreclosure, the date of the most recent assignment of the mortgage.

• HB 5859 passed with IE [RC 386: 34 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 773 (THOMAS)

SB 773 would exclude a computer technician who reported a violation from the prohibition against and penalties for knowingly possessing child sexually abusive material; and provide that a computer technician who acted in good faith would be immune from civil liability for actions taken in reporting a violation. ("Computer technician" would mean a person who installs, maintains, troubleshoots, upgrades, or repairs computer hardware, software, personal computer networks, or peripheral equipment.)

• SB 773 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 1287 (Gilbert) SB 1288 (Van Woerkom)

<u>SB 1287</u> would prohibit a person from manufacturing, buying, selling, furnishing, or possessing a Molotov cocktail or any similar device that is designed to explode or will explode upon impact or with the application of heat or a flame, or that is highly incendiary, except as authorized by law. A violation would be a felony punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1287 was moved to 3rd Reading.

<u>SB 1288</u> would include a violation of Senate Bill 1287 in the sentencing guidelines. The offense would be a felony, with a statutory maximum sentence of four years' imprisonment.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 1288 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1289 (George)

SB 1289 would prohibit the "public dissemination" rather than "public display" of autopsy photographs, and specify that the prohibition would not apply if the public dissemination were pursuant to a court order issued upon the request of a law enforcement agency as part of a criminal investigation.

- Committee 1 (amends) was adopted.
- Cropsey 2 (1 amend) was adopted. Autopsy photos would not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.
- SB 1289 was moved to 3rd Reading.